

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1867.

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. SUMNER to the bill (H. R. 1162) for the re-establishment of civil government in the State of Louisiana, viz: Insert the following as additional sections:

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That all the acts,
2 doings, and ordinances of the convention in Louisiana which
3 framed the ordinance of secession, and all the acts and doings
4 and legislative enactments of the legislature in said State,
5 and all the acts and doings, laws, regulations, and ordinances
6 of the political corporations of said State since the date of
7 the ordinance of secession, are hereby abrogated and annulled,
8 and declared to have had from the beginning no force or
9 effect in law; but the governor and legislative council shall
10 have power to revive and declare in force all such acts as
11 they may deem proper, always excepting such as are con-
12 trary to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and
13 such as are inconsistent with the equality of all men before
14 the law, without distinction of race or color, and excepting

15 such as provide for the payment of any debt or obligation
 16 incurred in aid of rebellion or insurrection against the United
 17 States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave,
 18 or for the payment of any pensions or bounties for services
 19 rendered to the so-called Confederate States or to the said
 20 State, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and
 21 sixty, until the passage of this act.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That in Louisiana
 2 all judgments and decrees of court, which have not been
 3 voluntarily executed, and which have been rendered sub-
 4 sequent to the date of the ordinance of secession, shall be sub-
 5 ject to appeal to the highest court in the State organized
 6 after the State shall be admitted again by Congress into the
 7 Union ; and in such highest court the cause shall be heard
 8 and tried de novo both on the law and the fact, but no such ap-
 9 peal shall be allowed, unless the motion for the same shall have
 01 been lodged in the court, or clerk's office of the court, in which
 11 the decree was rendered, within sixty days after the governor
 12 appointed under the provisions of this act shall have entered
 13 upon the discharge of the duties of his office, and for all
 14 judgments rendered subsequent to such date, within sixty days
 15 after the same have been rendered.

1 SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That, in addition to
 2 the oaths of officers and electors under the provisions of this
 3 act, every such officer and elector shall take and subscribe an

4 oath to support a republican form of government in the
5 following words, to wit:

6 "I do hereby swear (or affirm) that I will at all times
7 use my best endeavors to maintain a republican form of gov-
8 ernment in the State of which I am an inhabitant and in the
9 Union of the United States; that I will at all times recognize
10 the indissoluble unity of the republic, and will always dis-
11 countenance and resist any endeavor to break away or secede
12 from the Union; that I will give my influence and vote, at
13 all times, to strengthen and sustain the national credit; that
14 I will always discountenance and resist any attempt, directly
15 or indirectly, to repudiate or postpone, in any part or in any
16 way, the debt which was contracted by the United States in
17 subduing the late rebellion, or the obligations assumed to the
18 Union soldiers; that I will always discountenance and resist
19 every attempt to induce the United States or any State to
20 assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of rebel-
21 lion against the United States or any claim for the loss or
22 emancipation of any slave; that I will always discountenance
23 and resist any laws making any distinction of color or race;
24 and that in all ways I will strive to maintain a State govern-
25 ment completely loyal to the Union, where all men shall
26 enjoy equal protection and equal rights."